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George & Evelyn Cairnes Recognized as Harford Living Treasures

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Council named George and Evelyn Cairnes as Harford Living Treasures. Harford County Public Library's Living Treasures Oral History Project preserves for future generations firsthand accounts of life in Harford County for previous generations. The public can find a collection of nearly 300 oral histories collected from Harford County Living Treasures in the Bel Air Branch of the Harford County Public Library.

George and Evelyn Cairnes (ages 90 and 92), both lifelong citizens of Harford County, share a lifetime of membership and leadership with local community organizations and businesses. George served as President and charter member of a local Lions Club. He was a member and governing Board member of the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Department for over 70 years. He would drop everything regardless of the time of day when the fire alarm went off. He served as a Board Member and Past President of the Jarrettsville Federal Savings and Loan Association. He also served with the Jarrettsville Truck Co. George has been a life-long farmer and continued the family owned Cairnes Insurance Agency until his retirement. His volunteer efforts reflected a commitment to making the Jarrettsville community a better place.

Evelyn Hess Cairnes served as a constant support to her husband of 68 years. She performed all administrative duties for the family insurance business. She was also a homemaker who attended all functions that her husband participated in and always brought a mouth-watering dish to share. She was the behind the scenes organizer who helped make every activity performed the best it could be.

County Councilman Chad Shrodes presented Mr. and Mrs. Cairnes with a council proclamation, praising them both for their continued service to the Jarrettsville area and pointing out that they still go to work every day at their son's real estate agency.

A county resident who has lived in Harford County for at least 40 years and is at least 70 years old is eligible to be nominated as a Harford Living Treasure. Nomination forms are available on the Harford County Public Library's website at www.hcplonline.org. Nominations are reviewed by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and forwarded to the County Council for final approval. The Living Treasure program is sponsored by the Harford County Council, Harford County Department of Community Services Cultural Arts Board, and Harford County Public Library.

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